

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -
HEYWOOD
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Heywood in Victoria is a town on the Fitzroy River 357 kms from Melbourne and 27 kms from Portland. It has rolling green hills in an agricultural, and pastoral district.

The boy's leadership sessions in Heywood were about building their leadership capacity through cultural activities including:

- Cultural Strengthening
- Identity
- Language
- Dance
- Native Foods
- Tool Artefact Making



Cultural Camp - Lake Condah

Lake Condah is a very significant place for the Gunditjmara people.

The focus of the camp was on:

- Family Connections
- Traditional Food Practices
- Dance/Songs
- Visits to Culturally Significant Sites



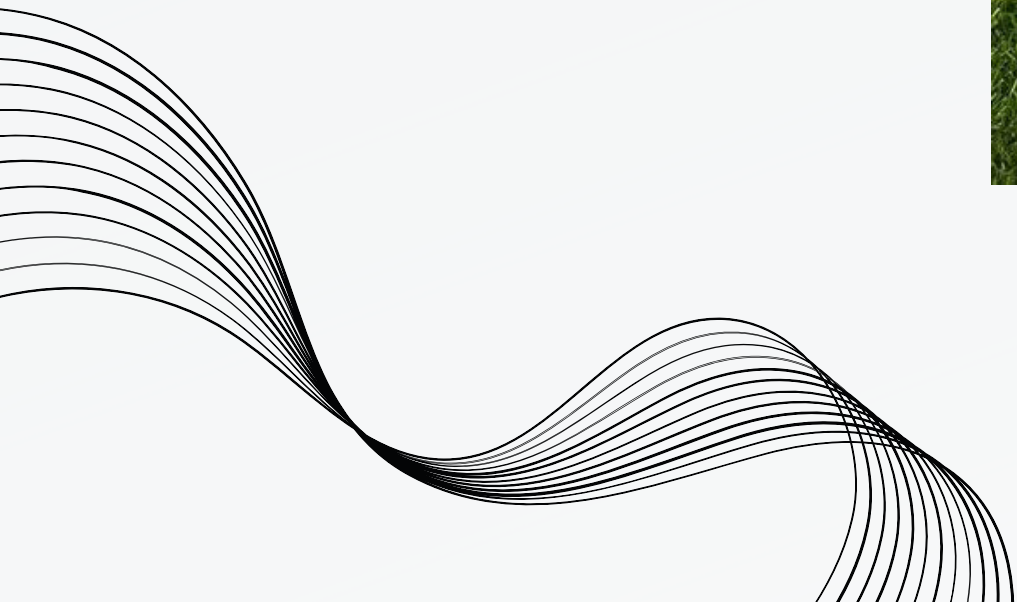
Koondoom Yarkeen Dance Group Camp - Mouth of the Fitzroy River - Tyrendarra

The aim of this camp was capacity building for the dance group members.

The focus of this camp was:

- Working on Songs
- Dances
- Routines for Upcoming Bookings and Events
- Coming Together as a Group





Invasion Day 26 January 2024

There were two separate events organised - a dawn service for mob at the Convincing Ground in Allestree on Gunditjmara Country at 6.00 am; and a community event at noon at the Old Playground on the Portland Foreshore.

Activities included:

- Smoking and Reflection Ceremonies
- Guest Speakers
- Entertainment





